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## Quality Professional Development in Your Own Backyard

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### Session Description:

Make your Title dollars for PD stretch farther. Results-driven professional development (PD) is available in your own backyard. County Education Service Agencies (ESAs) organize and provide PD based on local student and educator learning needs. Working as partners with the schools and LEAs in their county, ESAs address PD needs based on analyses of local data. Some PD services are funded by grants and others by fee-for-service. Learn how three diverse counties bring research- and data-based PD to meet unique learning needs of their clients. Consider how you might most effectively access the PD resources of your county ESA and how they could help you organize PD consortia of neighboring schools and LEAs.

### Presenter Information:

**Eric Brooks** is an Education Program Specialist of Professional Development and the Professional Development Leadership Academy (PDLA), Arizona Department of Education. Eric's work has focused on statewide coordination of the Standards Assessment Inventory (SAI), an NSDC survey tool, and work with County Educational Service Agencies. Prior to his work at the department, he most recently has dedicated his professional life to working in higher education on the east coast. He has served as an academic advisor and program coordinator for students choosing careers in education, and has assisted pre service teachers in their preparatory work for certification. He also has taught coursework in a variety of education departments.

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